

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Akihiro HIKICHI et al. )  
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For: NON-ASBESTOS FRICTION MATERIAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A non-asbestos friction material comprising:
- a fibrous reinforcement;
  - a friction modifier;
  - a binder; and
  - a soluble amorphous substance mixed as friction material components, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is a composition composed of  $\text{SiO}_2$  as a principal component, 18 to 40 wt% of at least one kind of CaO and MgO, less than 10 wt% of at least one kind of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{ZrO}_2$ , and less than 2 wt% of at least one kind of  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ , FeO,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$  and BaO.

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